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To the People of Colorado.

Fellow Citizens —We would call your attention to the following considerations, which clearly satisfy us that it is the highest interest of every citizen of Colorado who is either directly or indirectly interested in our mines to vote *for the Constitution* The Constitution having been so carefully framed as to guard against any considerable increase in the expenses of a State over a Territorial form of government, thus removing the only serious objection to its adoption, leaves us only to point out the advantages it would bring to the mining interest in which we are so largely interested in common with you The titles to our mines are peculiar, being mostly held as real estate, while those of other States and Territories are only held by occupation — Therefore, to preserve them from being cut off by a Congressional mining code, it is of the utmost importance that we be represented as strongly as possible in the National Councils That there is danger in this matter, which would ruin our mines No one who is aware of the fact that a bill favored by the powerful influence of the Commissioner of the General land office to accomplish the end and introduced by our own delegate is now pending before Congress, which will come up on its passage next winter - To vote against the Constitution is to vote for Mr Bennet to remain our only Representative in Congress another year instead of sending in his place two Senators and a Representative fresh from the people to take care of their interests It would be an endorsement of our delegate and his Seigniorage act in the strongest possible manner, and such an endorsement would almost certainly secure the passage of the Seigniorage act For of what avail, will our protests against it be, if the people deliberately endorse it by a popular vote It is of the most vital importance to the future investment of capital in our mines, and the value of Colorado mining stocks, that our titles be confirmed by Congress at the earliest possible moment, and to secure this, it is necessary that we put forth every effort, and the strongest effort that can be made is to bring the power of a State government to bear upon it It is a notorious fact that the uncertainty of our titles and the pendency of the Seigniorage act have depreciated the value of many stocks, and almost entirely suspended investments in them A vote against the Constitution will certainly be regarded by capitalists as a willful neglect on our part to put forth the necessary effort to take care of our interest, and thus it will destroy the confidence they have placed in us Besides this, it would, by the endorsement of the Seigniorage act, estop us from making efficient efforts in other directions, to accomplish this vitaly important end. We confidently believe that by a full delegation in Congress to co-operate with those from California and Nevada that not only our present titles may be confirmed to us, but that inducements to prospecters and miners may be secured from Congress, which will put new life into mining interest, and fill our mountains with a teeming population, backed by an abundance of capital for the development and improvement of the country

We also believe that if the people vote down the Constitution it will still further destroy confidence in the security of investments in our mines, and to a great extent ruin our prospects and destroy our prosperity We conceive it possible for a State delegation in Congress, backed by resolutions of a State Legislature to so inform members of Congress in regard to mining interests, that they will see these facts which are so plain to us, but so little understood by them

1st That by giving us titles in fee to our mines, she will largely increase the gold product and thereby exert the most important influence in sustaining the National credit

2d That by the most liberal encouragement to the production of gold, she will, in the most certain manner avail herself of the advantages of her hidden treasures In this view the State question is entirely above political considerations, for it comes directly home to the pocket of every miner, and indirectly so to every citizen of Colorado We therefore earnestly appeal to all miners to lay aside all prejudice, of either personal or political character for the sake of the common good, and to vote as one man *for the Constitution*

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